PROGRESSIVE CLUB
OF
STINSON BEACH
MARIN COUNTY :: CALIFORNIA

January 29, 1941

As you know, taxes are low at Stinson Beach because the town is unincorporated. A community of this status, to obtain any benefits must have an active organization to carry on its fight. In order that we might all be afforded an opportunity to work effectively for community welfare, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach was organized ten years ago. Its accomplishments have been many and worthwhile.

That steady progress is being made, must be apparent to even the infrequent visitor, but too many of us take for granted the paved streets of the town, the recreation beach with its free access to the public, the volunteer fire department, and the fact that sanitation and your personal security are in the hands of responsible representatives. But, these attainments represent years of faithful service by your unremunerated, civic minded fellow townspeople, working through the Progressive Club.

In addition to the mental and physical effort necessary to bring about this community welfare you enjoy, it takes money. Therefore, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach needs your support and herewith solicits your membership.

Dues are $1.50 per year and are payable to Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary.

William S. Sadler

President

April 3, 1941

Mr. Palmer, Instructor
Am. Red Cross First Aid
c/o Miss Edith S. Waterman
Chrm Marin Co. Red Cross
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Active interest is here being shown in the formation of a life guard crew for the recently acquired public beach at this point, by the County.

The caretaker of the County-owned property Mr. Wm. S. Woodington is, as you probably know, an experienced life guard. He has aroused interest among a group of young men willing to join in a volunteer organization for beach patrol. One of these volunteers, incidentally has had 5 years experience on N.Y. beaches and comes over here from Vallejo week ends and holidays at his own expense to assist Mr. Woodington in this work. There will be about six men volunteering for beachpatrol duty and this club is making an appropriation to get the equipment necessary for a start.

While going over the above matter in last night's meeting, I was requested to write you regarding a can-bouy we once had here at Stinson Beach, belonging to the Red Cross. As near as I can ascertain, you transferred it to the Tamalpais High School temporarily. Can you tell me its present status and whether we can figure on having it returned for use here.

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. Palmer and hoping to see you over here before long, we remain

Yours very truly,
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

A. M. Gilbert Secy

PROGRESSIVE CLUB
OF
STINSON BEACH
MARIN COUNTY :: CALIFORNIA

January 29, 1941

As you know, taxes are low at Stinson Beach because the town is unincorporated. A community of this status, to obtain any benefits must have an active organization to carry on its fight. In order that we might all be afforded an opportunity to work effectively for community welfare, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach was organized ten years ago. Its accomplishments have been many and worthwhile.

That steady progress is being made, must be apparent to even the infrequent visitor, but too many of us take for granted the paved streets of the town, the recreation beach with its free access to the public, the volunteer fire department, and the fact that sanitation and your personal security are in the hands of responsible representatives. But, these attainments represent years of faithful service by your unremunerated, civic minded fellow townspeople, working through the Progressive Club.

In addition to the mental and physical effort necessary to bring about this community welfare you enjoy, it takes money. Therefore, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach needs your support and herewith solicits your membership.

Dues are $1.50 per year and are payable to Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary.

William S. Sadler.

President

PROGRESSIVE CLUB

OF

STINSON BEACH
MARIN CO. CAL.

GREETINGS to all Property Owners and Residents of Stinson Beach:

Because unincorporated towns, such as Stinson Beach, have no way of carrying on community business without some Association, our Progressive Club was formed in 1930, as a non-profit organization to take an active interest in the welfare of the community.

SHINE FOR THIRTY NINE. Adopting San Francisco's slogan - we ask your active help to clean up every rubbish pile and other unsightly debris, so that the general appearance of Stinson Beach, both in town and around all residences, will be neat and orderly. If you cannot personally burn or remove your own rubbish and cuttings, communicate with our secretary, who will put you in touch with someone who will dispose of it at a reasonable cost.

DONATIONS. After the disastrous Egger's fire (total loss) we donated $25.00 to the Volunteer Fire Department to buy chemicals. Letters of appreciation were sent the five Fire Departments who responded to Stinson Beach's call for help. Five dollars sent Marin Conservation League to help acquire Drake's Bay for a County Park. Ten Dollars for a Perpetual Trophy for the California Cycle Marathon.

AFFILIATIONS with "Marvelous Marin" and "Marin County Council of Improvement Clubs" keep us informed of County activities and in a position to gain co-operation in matters affecting our district.

ROADS. With other civic bodies, we petitioned the County Supervisors to oil surface the Panoramic Highway; it was done in time for the Mountain Play. A request to Supervisor Pedersen, resulted in repairs to paved roads in the residential district.

SIGNS. The street signs were re-varnished and the Club sign renovated. Thru the Club's effort, 1,000 Golden Gate International Exposition colored stickers were attached to the Christmas outgoing mail thru this post office.

NEW FIRE DISTRICT. In July, at a special election, the citizens voted to form a fire district. Messrs. Worral, Hagenbuch and Hart are your Fire Commissioners. They spent much time and effort working out the district boundaries and are an active force to gain better fire protection. The County Supervisors, District Attorney and the County Assessor gave them splendid co-operation and this Club sent letters of appreciation to all these officers.

Take your part in the business of this community. Join our Club and attend the monthly meetings whenever possible. The annual dues are $1.50. Send your check to Hilda M. Grunert, Secretary, Stinson Beach.

Discussion at next meeting: COUNTY ROADS to the BEACH - AUTO PARKING - PICNIC GROUNDS - GARBAGE DISPOSAL.

Our County Supervisor, T. Frederick Bagshaw, will speak on these matters Saturday, March 4, 1939, at 8:15 P.M. at Sea Beach Hotel, in the Basement Recreation Hall.

Come and bring your friends. An open forum will give you a chance to present your ideas. Do not miss this meeting. The public is invited.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: W.B.Marble, Alice Algar, Alice Plummer

January 29, 1941

Mr. Bruno Schneider
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mr. Schneider:

It is our pleasure to tender you the enclosed modest check, with the assurance that its extreme mod-sty reflects only the Club's financial status and is unworthy of even the term 'token', were it considered as any attempt to compensate you for your contribution to the community happiness at Christmas time.

Thanking you for your most friendly cooperation, we are

Very sincerely yours
STINSON BEACH PROGRESSIVE CLUB

A. M. Gilbert, Secy

P R O G R E S S I V E C L U B
Stinson Beach, California

Membership dues for the year 1941 ($1.50) are now payable to the Secretary.

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Stinson Beach.

Your cooperation in the past and your continued support in the future is appreciated by the Club.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB
OF
STINSON BEACH
MARIN COUNTY :: CALIFORNIA

January 29, 1941

As you know, taxes are low at Stinson Beach because the town is unincorporated. A community of this status, to obtain any benefits must have an active organization to carry on its fight. In order that we might all be afforded an opportunity to work effectively for community welfare, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach was organized ten years ago. Its accomplishments have been many and worthwhile.

That steady progress is being made, must be apparent to even the infrequent visitor, but too many of us take for granted the paved streets of the town, the recreation beach with its free access to the public, the volunteer fire department, and the fact that sanitation and your personal security are in the hands of responsible representatives. But, these attainments represent years of faithful service by your unremunerated, civic minded fellow townspeople, working through the Progressive Club.

In addition to the mental and physical effort necessary to bring about this community welfare you enjoy, it takes money. Therefore, the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach needs your support and herewith solicits your membership.

Dues are $1.50 per year and are payable to Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary.

President

TELEPHONE: San Rafael 45

OFFICE OF

WALTER B. SELLMER

SHERIFF OF MARIN COUNTY

San Rafael, California

FRANK KELLY
Under Sheriff

Address all Communications to the Sheriff

February 10th., 1941

Woodington

Hilda M. Grunert, Secy
Progressive Club of
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Grunert:-

In response to your letter of December 27th., 1940 concerning Mr. Woodington's Pardon.

Please be advised that we have given Mr. Woodington his application for Special Deputyship which he must fill out and return to this office - following which his appointment need not be held up further.

We are thus - happy to find the cause which prevented his appointment - now removed, and will be glad to extend to you through Mr. Woodington the attention your area needs from this office.

If we may be of further service to you at any time; please do not fail to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Sellmer

Walter B. Sellmer, Sheriff

S
B

CLAYTON L. DREW
PATENT COUNSELLOR AND SOLICITOR
208 CENTRAL TOWER
703 MARKET AT THIRD
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

February 12
1941

Progressive Club,
Stinson Beach,
Marin County,
California.

Gentlemen:

Under recent date I wrote to our Representative in Congress, Clarence F. Lea, relative to the possibility of dredging the lagoon at Bolinas Bay, for the reason that I had read that the Government was going to do some development work at Monterey Bay, and that there was a House bill pending covering this subject. I pointed out to Congressman Lea that I believed that Bolinas Bay lagoon would be an excellent shelter for small craft, having in mind particularly the Navy speed boats, but he evidently assumed that I meant commercial or pleasure boats. In my letter I also stated that I believed the lagoon could be safely entered during foggy weather, for the reason I had observed that it is possible to see off-shore from the sand-spit for about a mile during the heaviest fogs, and at an elevation of a few feet above the water, visibility is zero. Therefore, small boats having the observer stationed close to the water could easily get in and out of the lagoon during dense fog.

Another point which I should like to bring out, and I believe that it should be given earnest consideration by both Stinson Beach and Bolinas, is this. It is my contention that in past years when there was a large in and out flow of water from the lagoon, this flow broke up wave action and prevented cutting away of the beach by wave action as at present. So, therefore, if the lagoon could be dredged, so that this flow of water can be restored, I am of the opinion that the beaches, both at Stinson and Bolinas, would build up to a certain extent.

Enclosed herewith is the letter which I received from Congressman Lea. If the Progressive Club is interested in pursuing the matter further, I should be glad to have them take whatever action they see fit.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Drew

Clayton L. Drew.

Enclosure
(2 page letter)

M.

Acknowledge - not proper time purpose sent a portion

CLARENCE F. LEA
1ST DIST. CALIFORNIA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

January 28, 1941.

Mr. Clayton L. Drew
Patent Counsellor & Solicitor
208 Central Tower
703 Market at Third
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Drew:

I received yours of January fifteenth in reference to the development of Bolinas Bay, for National Defense.

The practicability of the development of this harbor would have to be determined from the standpoint of some need for Government operations or for development for navigation purposes, having primarily in mind, commercial navigation.

Such a site may be of value for naval use or for a Coast Guard Station. The Navy Department now has a Special Committee making an extensive investigation of the shore line of the United States with the idea of making recommendations as to proper measures to be taken to improve our situation from a National Defense standpoint in connection with Naval Stations. It is probable that this Bay will receive attention from that standpoint. If the report of this Committee recommended the use of Bolinas Bay for such operation, that would, of course, make it much easier to secure developments under such conditions.

If developed in the usual course of harbor improvements, the project would be measured primarily from the standpoint of navigation. There is, of course, no general line of volume transportation for this Bay at the present time. So apparently there would not be very strong arguments for improvement for any commerce on a large scale.

In some instances, harbors have been improved for light craft, such as fishing vessels, but that is usually done where a harbor for small vessels is needed on account of remoteness from large harbors.

Bodega Bay has been selected for improvement very largely on its serviceability as a harbor for fishing craft. The money has not yet been provided to carry on the work, but the project was approved by Congress and, sooner or later, if not immediately, will be improved.

There has been great reluctance in improving harbors purely for sporting or pleasure craft. It is not impossible that that might be done, but improbable, particularly at this time when National Defense is a primary consideration as to harbor work.

For the immediate present I would think that the best thing to do is to write the Navy Department calling attention to the principal features of this Bay which might be of interest from a naval standpoint and suggest its consideration by this Committee of which Admiral J. W. Greenslade, is Chairman. If you will send me a copy of your communication, I will be glad to send a concurring letter asking their interest in the matter.

An important feature of the situation, so far as the improvement of Bolinas Bay for commercial purposes is concerned, is the fact that Congress authorized a survey of this channel in recent years and in a report filed about a year ago, the Army Engineers reported unfavorably on the ground that the cost of the work would not be compensated by the benefits derived from the development. Of course, should conditions change so that there would be a substantial basis for expecting commerce, an application for a new survey could be made.

Sincerely yours,

l/h

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Office of **J. F. DIDION,** *Tax and License Collector*

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

February 27th,1941

Mr. M. Sadler, President,
Stinson Beach Improvement Club,
Stinson Beach, California.

My Dear Mr. Sadler:

At the request of some members of the Club, I looked into the matter of State Highway No.1 in regards to condition of road, and what, if anything could be done about it.

I first called the office of the Governor and after courteous treatment was told to get in touch with the State Highway Department, and if I did not get satisfaction to let them know.

However instead of calling them direct I called the State Department of Instruction and talked to Dr. Walter Dexter. He referred me to Mr. Lentz who worked with the Department of Highways in regard to schools and transportation. After a lenghty conversation with him, in which I told him of the fact that the children had to get out of the bus as it went around the Big Rock and etc., he told me that he would take it up immediately with the Highway Maintenance Department.

He called me back in a few minutes and told me that he had contacted Mr. Millard and that Mr. Millard is acquainted with the facts of the road and its hazardous condition, but that nothing could be done about it right now. However, the Highway Maintenance Department would do all in their power to clear it up and repair it, also put it in a permanent condition as soon as possible.

Maybe you already know all this but however I want to tell you that I am glad and willing to do anything I am able to do to Boost and Help Stinson Beach.

Yours very truly,

A S Dingle

A. S. Dingle

Stinson Beach Progressive Club.
March 5 - 1941.

As you know, the Stinson estate has been furnishing a garbage dump free of charge, to many of the towns residents since May 1 - 1940 It is now badly in need of repairs, so we are herewith giving notice that it will be closed to the public after May 1 - 1941.

Very truly,
Stinson Estate

March 6, 1941

Mr. A. S. Dingle
Office of Tax and License Collector
County of Sacramento,
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Dingle:

Your letter of February 27th to our President, Mr. Sadler, relative to the condition of State Highway No.1, especially in the region of the Big Rock,- and, what you have been doing about it, was read to the members of the Progressive Club at its regular monthly meeting, last night.

No, we have not known what was going on in the way of endeavor to secure remedial action, except from fragmentary and often disassociated reports.

You may rest assured your letter was read to an audiance not only interested in what you had to offer on the subject but very appreciative of your willingness to "Boost and Help Stinson Beach".

We shall be glad to hear of further progress.

Yours very truly,
PROGRESSIVE CLUBof STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert, Secy

March 6, 1941

Mr. Clayton L. Drew
208 Central Tower
703 Market at Third
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Drew:

It is a pleasure to acknowledge your letter of February 12th, telling of your having written our Representative Clarence F. Lea relative to the matter of dredging the Bolinas Lagoon, and to have Mr. Lea's reply.

Both of these letters were listened attentively by the Club members, as read by Mr. Sadler.

After a free discussion of the subject by the members, I am instructed to advise you that, all things considered, the club does not think this an appropriate time to bring the matter to the attention of the Navy Department. On the other hand, it is grateful to you for showing such interest in the welfare of Stinson Beach and we hope we may feel free to call on you for assistance when this subject comes up at a later date.

Yours very truly,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

A. M. Gilbert, Secy

Address all Communications to the Sheriff

TELEPHONE: San Rafael 45

OFFICE OF

WALTER B. SELLMER

SHERIFF OF MARIN COUNTY

San Rafael, California

FRANK KELLY
Under Sheriff

March 20th., 1941

Mrs. Hilda M. Grunert, Secy.
Progressive Club of
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Grunert:-

Inasmuch as it is my belief that you should know about complaints received in this office;

I wish to advise that my father has been having some trouble with persons stealing lumber from his property at Stinson Beach.

May I suggest that you contact the Deputies there, and have them contact my father for information concerning these thefts.

The County will be happy to pay any expenses incurred in event an arrest is made, and the subject brought in.

If further cooperation of this office is necessary; please do not fail to advise, and we shall await reply from you before other action is taken. Thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

Walter B. Sellmer

Walter B. Sellmer, Sheriff

Sab

Dear Arch: Am forwarding this to you to handle - Dittmar would be natural deputy on this. Woodington also. Hilda

March 22, 1941

Mr. Walter B. Sellmer
Sheriff of Marin County
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Sellmer:

At the last annual meeting for the election of officers, I was elected secretary of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach and am, accordingly, in receipt of your letter of March 20th addressed to Mrs. Hilda M. Grunert, our former secretary.

This letter to thank you for nofifying us of the presence of a lumber thief in our community.

I have today notified Messrs. Dittmar and Woodington, each of whom has promised to contact your father and plan for the apprehension of the offender.

Yours very truly,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert ..... Secy

STINSON BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STINSON BEACH

MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

March 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Gilbert

Inclosed find check for $3.00 for the dues of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stoop. Will you please send the receipt to them at 899 Green St. San Francisco.

Thank you

W. Sadler

March 19, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stoore
899 Green Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stoore:

Through our president, Mr. Wm. S. Sadler, I am in receipt of your check covering club dues for the Year 1941.

We are very glad to have you join the club and on its behalf, it is my pleasure to thank you for your cooperation.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. and we shall be pleased to have you attend whenever convenient for you to do so.

Very truly yours

PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

Secy.

Enclosure: receipt

CABLE ADDRESS
MCOWN

TELEPHONE EXBROOK 5262

M. S. COWEN CO.

IMPORT AND EXPORT
149 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

ALL
STANDARD
CODES

April 9th 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Secretary Progressive Club
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Take this means of requesting you to place before the Progressive Club the matter of the tall eucalyptus trees in the Marin Co. Park. To one residing on the hill these trees are objectionable as they black off a considerable view of the ocean.

If the Progressive Club approves of the cutting down of these trees, would they take the necessary steps with the proper county officials to secure some action on this matter?

Very truly yours,

M. S. Cowen

M. S. Cowen

MSC:H

Write that club an urge cmmdng the trees a beauty spot & push + dmit want cut-

CABLE ADDRESS
MCOWN

TELEPHONE EXBROOK 5262

M. S. COWEN CO.

IMPORT AND EXPORT
149 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO

ALL
STANDARD
CODES

April 9th 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary
Progressive Club
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Not having received any reply from you to my letter of February 5th, I conclude that you checked this matter with Mrs. Grunert on her return, and ascertained that my dues have been paid for the years 1939 and 1940.

If my conclusion is not correct, please advise me further on this matter.

Very truly yours,

M. S. Cowen

MSC:H

SEVENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

CLARENCE F. LEA, CALIF., CHAIRMAN

ROBERT CROSSER, OHIO
ALFRED L. BULWINKLE, N. C.
VIRGIL CHAPMAN, KY.
WILLIAM P. COLE, JR., MD.
EDWARD A. KELLY, ILL.
HERRON PEARSON, TENN.
LYLE H. BOREN, OKLA.
MARTIN J. KENNEDY, N. Y.
CHARLES L. SOUTH, TEX.
JAMES P. MC GRANERY, PA.
DONALD L. O'TOOLE, N. Y.
LUTHER PATRICK, ALA.
RUDOLPH G. TENEROWICZ, MICH.
JARED Y. SANDERS, JR., LA.

CHARLES A. WOLVERTON, N. J.
PEHR G. HOLMES, MASS.
B. CARROLL REECE, TENN.
JAMES W. WADSWORTH, N. Y.
CHARLES A. HALLECK, IND.
OSCAR YOUNGDAHL, MINN.
CARL HINSHAW, CALIF.
CLARENCE J. BROWN, OHIO
RICHARD M. SIMPSON, PA.
GEORGE A. PADDOCK, ILL.

ELTON J. LAYTON, CLERK
F. P. RANDOLPH, ASST. CLERK

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Committee on
Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Room 1334, House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

9 April 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Progressive Club of
Stinson Beach
California.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I received yours of the 3rd of April in reference to the joint use of Federal and State Funds for defense highway purposes.

While a report of the Federal Works Agency on this question was submitted to Congress, the President has not yet made his recommendation on the subject. Shortly following the arrival of the President's message on the matter, a bill to carry out its purpose will be introduced in the House, by the Chairman of the Public Roads Committee.

We do not as yet know what participation by the State in building these roads will be proposed.

In whatever form the matter may come to the House, I will be glad to give consideration to the suggestions you have made.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence F. Lea

l
s

April 10, 1941

Mr. M. S. Cowen
M.S.Cowen Company
149 California Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Cowen:

RE: Marin County Park
Eucalyptus trees.

I am in receipt of your letter of April 9th objecting to a certain group of eucalyptus trees in Marin County Park, said trees interferring with marine view.

I will see that this matter is placed before the Progressive Club at its next monthly meeting, May 7th and will report to you in the matter shortly thereafter.

Very truly yours,
PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

Secy

April 10, 1941

Mr. M. S. Cowen
M. S. Cowen Company
149 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Cowen:

RE: Club Dues

Replying to your letter of April 9th relative to the status of your payments of club dues:

Upon Mrs. Grunert's return from Mexico, in February, I did go overthe matter of your payment of club dues to her . At the time of this talk she reported having had a talk with you in which you expressed confidence in your belief that you had made payments for 1939 and 1940, however her search disclosed no such receipts.

From what Mrs. Grunert told me, or maybe because of what she didnt say, I concluded your feelings had been hurt so I quit further reference to subject, however since you bring it up again, should we have a rainy day in the near future, you might make it the opportunity for glancing through canceled checks.

Cordially yours,
PROGRESSIVE CLUB
OF
STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert Secy

W. J. BULOW, S. DAK., CHAIRMAN
KENNETH MC KELLAR, TENN.
WALTER F. GEORGE, GA.
M. M. NEELY, W. VA.
HARRY FLOOD BYRD, VA.
SHERIDAN DOWNEY, CALIF.
JAMES M. MEAD, N. Y.
WALLACE H. WHITE, JR., MAINE
ERNEST W. GIBSON, VT.
LYNN J. FRAZIER, N. DAK.

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE

April 16, 1941.

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Progessive Club
Stinson Beach
Marin County, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your letter of the 3rd relative to Defense Highway Construction.

You may be assured, the matter you discuss will receive my careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheridan Downey

SHERIDAN DOWNEY

SSD:mg

WALTER F. GEORGE, GA., CHAIRMAN
PAT HARRISON, MISS.
ROBERT F. WAGNER, N. Y.
TOM CONNALLY, TEX.
ELBERT D. THOMAS, UTAH
FREDERICK VAN NUYS, IND.
JAMES E. MURRAY, MONT.
CLAUDE PEPPER, FLA.
THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN, R. I.
ALBEN W. BARKLEY, KY.
ROBERT R. REYNOLDS, N. C.
JOSEPH F. GUFFEY, PA.
GUY M. GILLETTE, IOWA
BENNETT CHAMP CLARK, MO.
CARTER GLASS, VA.
JAMES F. BYRNES, S. C.

HIRAM W. JOHNSON, CALIF.
ARTHUR CAPPER, KANS.
ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, JR., WIS.
ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, MICH.
WALLACE H. WHITE, JR., MAINE
HENRIK SHIPSTEAD, MINN.
GERALD P. NYE, N. DAK.

CHRISTIE B. KENNEDY, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

April 17, 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary,
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,
Stinson Beach, California.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 3rd concerning defense highway construction.

I will be very glad to aid all I can in the matter of appropriations for defense highways.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hiram W. Johnson

c

Woodacre Improvement Club

Incorporated

Woodacre, California

April 23, 1941.

Dear Club Members:

Representatives from a number of county improvement clubs met at the Woodacre Lodge, Sunday afternoon, April 20, at the invitation of the Woodacre Improvement Club, for the purpose of discussing county roads. A plan, whereby the five supervisorial road districts might be consolidated into one unified district, under the supervision of a competent road engineer or commissioner, was discussed at length, and received the hearty approval and acclaim of the clubs represented.

The small, compact size of Marin County would lend itself to a simpler consolidation than if more territory were involved. There are several California counties now operating under this system very successfully. The elimination of expensive equipment duplication is a very important factor to be considered for this plan.

Representatives from each club present, were appointed to act on a committee to draft this letter to be sent to all civic, service and women's organizations in Marin County, asking for their endorsement of this plan. Harold O. Simpson, of Woodacre, and president of the Woodacre Improvement Club, presided at the meeting. He and County Auditor, Leon DeLisle, have offered their services as speakers at any organization wishing more detailed information on this new road plan. Both men have a number of interesting figures and facts at their command to present to your organization. Address Mr. DeLisle at the Court House, San Rafael, and Mr. Simpson at Woodacre, California.

We should like your endorsement of this plan after you have informed yourselves completely. The County Board of Supervisors would appoint such an engineer or commissioner, and they are the body to be convinced of the practicability of this plan. Will you write your letter of endorsement to the supervisors, in care of the Woodacre Improvement Club, Woodacre, California, and we shall have them forwarded to San Rafael at one time.

Cordially yours,

Patricia E. Durel

Assistant Secretary,
Woodacre Improvement Club.

May 12, 1941

Mr. Harold O. Simpson, Pres.
Woodacre Improvement Club
Woodacre, California

Dear Mr. Simpson:

RE: Consolidation of
Road Districts

Your interesting letter of April relative to the project of consolidating the supervisorial road districts of Marin County is at hand and was read to the members of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach at the last regular monthly meeting, May 7th.

On behalf of this organization, I am requested to write you to ask if we may depend on you having a representative of your club attend our regular monthly meeting June 4th (8 p.m.) to the end that we may be instructed as to the details of this proposition.

Yours very truly,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

A. M. Gilbert, Secy

May 12 1941

Mrs. Sepha Evers, President
Marin Conservation League
Ross, California

Dear Mrs. Evers:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach, held May 7th, I was instructed to advise you that the work of beautifying the entrance to the Marin County Park at Stinson Beach is about completed in accordance with the plans approved by the County Planning Committee and to remind you of the promise of the Marin Conservation League to contribute the sum of $10.00 towards this work.

Planting of shrubs and flowers on this project has been completed and the plats fenced. Definite plans have also been made for the watering and general maintenance of these beds.

Yours very truly,
PROGRESSIVE CLUB of
STINSON BEACH

A. M. Gilbert, Secy

Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged

The Family of Mary W. Ahlem

May 12, 1941

Mr. M. S. Cowen
M. S. Cowen Company
149 California Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Cowen:

In accordance with the request made in your letter of April 9th that the matter of cutting down the tall eucalyptus in the Marin County park, be placed before the Progressive Club for consideration, I wish to advise you that this item was discussed by the members at the regular meeting of May 7th, with the result that the club as a whole considers these trees very attractive and thinks their elimination would be decidedly against public sentiment.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Gilbert, Secy
Progressive Club of
Stinson Beach.

May 12, 1941

Mr. T. Fredrick Bagshaw
Marin County Supervisor
17 Buena Vista Ave
Mill Valley, California

Dear Mr. Bagshaw:

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach, held May 7th, I was instructed to write you requesting information as to what steps have been taken to assure the uninterrupted use of State Highway No. 1 into Stinson Beach from the south.

We realize of course this is a State Highway and not under your supervision, however thought you would probably be informed on the matter.

Thanking you for any enlightenment you may be able and willing to give us, we are,

Yours very truly,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of
STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert, Secy

MLE.

Lt. Col. J. A. Dorst,
District Engineer,
United States Engineer Office
War Department,
401 Custom House,
Battery & Washington St.
San Francisco

letter released under date of May 6, 1936 Re: Bolinas Bay

Woodacre Improvement Club

Incorporated

Woodacre, California

May 14, 1941.

Mr. A.M. Gilbert, Secretary,
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,
Stinson Beach, California.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Mr. Harold Simpson, president of the Woodacre Improvement Club, is in receipt of your letter of May 12, asking that this club have a representative present at your next club meeting, on June 4th, to acquaint you and your members with the details of the "consolidation of road districts" plan. Mr. Simpson will attend your meeting, and he expects to have several of our board of directors with him.

In spite of the unfavorable attitude of the county board of supervisors to this plan at their last meeting, the improvement clubs and other interested organizations expect to push it through to the finish. We deeply appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Patricia E. Durel

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Peter Durel Jr.
Box 61, Woodacre, Calif.

June 14, 1941

Mr. T. Fredrick Bagshaw
17 Buena Vista Ave
Mill Valley, California

Dear Mr. Bagshaw:

The next meeting of

June 14, 1941

Mr. T. Fredrick Bagshaw
Supervisor, Marin County
17 Buena Vista Avenue
Mill Valley, California

Dear Mr. Bagshaw:

The next regular monthly meeting of this club falls on Wednesday, July 2nd. At this meeting we would be very glad to have you speak to us on this proposed centralization of roadwork management in Marin County,- also perhaps a few words on the fire district situation.

However, we understand that Wednesday is bad for this invitation because you have a regular meeting to attend, so if we could possibly get you to come, we would very gladly set the date to suit your convenience. How would some evening in the last week of JUNE or the first week of JULY suit ?

If you will agree to come and allow us a few days notice, we will get as many as we can from Bolinas to attend.

Trusting you may be able and willing to guide us to a decision on the centralization project, in particular, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of
STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert Secy

PROPOSED RECREATION BEACH

on the

SHORES OF DRAKE'S BAY

The tract of land on which an option has been secured for a price of $3000.00 contains 52 acres. It has a frontage on the Ocean or Drake's Bay of 795 feet. This gives access to over 10 miles of Beach from Limantour Bay to Chimney Rock near the lighthouse at Point Reyes.

The high chalky cliffs called by Drake "The white cliffs of New Albion" give protection from the summer trade winds.

The beach is clean, hard sand. There is no undertow and the sea is not as rough as on other Ocean beaches.

Although this beach is 30 miles or more from our residential cities it is just far enough away to make a day's outing enjoyable as the ride over paved highways takes one through some of the loveliest scenery north of San Francisco.

On the property is a beautiful wilderness Lake used for many years by Dr. Ernest Chipman and his guests as a hunting preserve.

The Lake is fresh water supplied by perpetual springs.

The full price of $3000.00 or a little over $60.00 an acre is small but even that amount will be hard to raise unless everybody helps.

The land will be dedicated to the County of Marin for the use and enjoyment of the people not only of Marin but our guests from across the bay.

It will be the first piece of beach owned by the County on nearly a hundred miles of Ocean frontage.

We have at present scarcely a foot of salt water access except through private property where one must pay to drive or walk over.

After securing this it is hoped that everybody will support plans to have our supervisors furnish funds to purchase large recreation parks on the shores of San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay, Bolinas and get Federal and State aid as has been done in other Counties.

HOW TO REACH DRAKE'S BAY

Drive through Fairfax out past Woodacre, Tocaloma to Olema and Inverness, continue over the paved road towards the Lighthouse at Point Reyes until you cross the head of Limantour Bay. Then continue on main county road 5 miles and turn left on side road at sign directing you to this Beach.

From Sausalito and Mill Valley, if you prefer, take the road through Stinson Beach and Bolinas to Olema.

July 3, 1941

Mr. Wm. D. Fusselman, Mgr
Marvelous Marin, Inc
San Rafael, California

Dear Bill:

Recently two Dipsea runners, practicing on the trail have come to our Stinson Beach Red Cross Emergency Station with rather nasty bruises resulting from falls along the section between the Lone Pine and the head of Steep Ravine. The men report this section in bad condition on account of last winter's rains.

Dont you think the Trail Committee should get after this in time so that these runners would have at least a month in which to practice before the race ?

Yours very truly,
STINSON BEACH PROGRESSIVE CLUB

A.M.Gilbert Secy

July 3, 1941

Mrs. Sepha Evers, President
Marin Conservation League
Ross, California

Dear Mrs. Evers:

A report has reached this club that at a recent meeting of the Marin Conservation League, sentiment was voiced to the effect that the recently created County Park at Stinson Beach was not attracting a desirable element.

If the above is true, possibly you will be able to tell us what brought about the remark, our only reason for asking being an earnest desire on the part of this organization to make the town and the county park as attractive as possible .

Members of the Marin Conservation League visiting Stinson Beach will confer a favor by letting us have their criticism and advice on any matters pertaining to the welfare of our town.

Yours sincerely

PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert Secy

July 3, 1941

Mr. H. Seigalkoff
c/o Oldsmobile Agency
Lodi, California

Dear Mr. Seigalkoff:

Several residents of the Upton Tract of Stinson Beach have become quite disturbed over the nature of the recent occupancy of your house in that area.

Members of this club have, at least once before, been called upon to meet a duplicate of this situation. It was disagreeable.

We have been given to understand that you are a fair-minded, reasonable person and it is our hope that we can depend on you to realize the justice of the complaint of your neighbors, do the unselfish thing necessary to avert bitter feelings, and win the everlasting gratitude of

Yours sincerely
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

W.S. Sadler, President

July 3, 1941

State of California
Board of Equalization
Liquor Control Division,
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

Stinson Beach is a small, unincorporated town of about 275 population, augmented seasonally somewhat because of its resort characteristics. We have a recently created County Parkeembracing several hundred feet of beach of unusual beauty and we keep at least one life guard on duty during bathing hours. The town is neat and clean and we endeavor to keep it that way. We want to interest the desirable type of traveling public. We want the children who come here to enjoy this playground, surrounded by proper enviroment.

At the present time, within distances, varying from 300 to about 700 feet, from the County Park there are five places of business with licenses under which they dispense either beer, or wine and beer. Now under construction along the highway, maybe 1000 feet from the County Park is another place of business applying for an 'one sale' license for spirituous liquors in connection with a dance hall. This place will probable obtain the license because of the transfer privilege. Now under construction also, is a place of business adjacent to the County Park. This place is to apply for a liquor license in the very near future.

We object in general, to the number of liquor licenses being granted in a town of this size and we object in particular to granting a liquor license to any establishment here operating a dance hall or located adjacent to the County Park.

Trusting you may see fit to make an investigation of the situation here and afford us some definite means of controlling a condition which seems to be getting out of hand, we remain

Yours very sincerely,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB of STINSON BEACH

July 5, 1941

Mr. H. Seigalkoff
c/o Oldsmobile Agency
Lodi, California

Dear Mr. Seigalkoff:

Several of the residents of the Upton Tract of Stinson Beach have become quite disturbed over the nature of the contemplated occupancy of your house in that area.

Members of this club have, at least once before been called upon to meet ofduplicate of this situation confronting us. It was disagreeable.

We have been given to understand that you are a fair-minded, reasonable person and it is our hope that we can depend on you to realize the justice of the complaint registered by your neighbors, do the unselfish thing necessary to avert bitter feelings, and win the gratitude of,

Yours very sincerely,

PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

William S. Sadler, President

Progressive Club.

William S Sadler

Lodi, Calif.

July 9/41

Dear Mr. Sadler:- I am in receipt of your letter of July 5th. I wish to state that the Residents of Upton Tract of Stinson Beach are disturbed for no reason at all. Had you sent some one other than Mr. Wilson to me I am sure the situation would have been cleared up immediately.

I am very much dissapointed by the attitude and Manner in which Mr. Wilson Presented this matter to me.

It Certainly is not my intention to offend any one, on the Contrary I appreciate Friendship.

You may assure your Friends their wishes are granted in a friendly Manner.

I probably will not be down for a 3 weeks. However when I come down I would like you to call on me as I would like to meet and talk with you.

But don't send Mr. Wilson.

Your Friend

H. F. Siegalkoff.

17 So. Hutchins St.

Lodi Cal.

GEORGE R. REILLY
FIRST DISTRICT, SAN FRANCISCO
FRED E. STEWART
SECOND DISTRICT, OAKLAND
R. E. COLLINS, CHAIRMAN
THIRD DISTRICT, REDDING
WILLIAM G. BONELLI
FOURTH DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES
HARRY B. RILEY, CONTROLLER
SACRAMENTO
DIXWELL L. PIERCE, SECRETARY

OFFICE OF
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO

GEORGE M. STOUT
STATE LIQUOR ADMINISTRATOR

July 9, 1941

Mr. William S. Sadler, Pres.,
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,
Stinson Beach, California.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dealing with the fact that there are prospects of the location of additional premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages within that portion of your beach from which has been created a county park.

We will ask our chief liquor control officer for Marin County, whose headquarters are located at Santa Rosa, to investigate the situation presented at Stinson Beach.

Very truly yours,

George M. Stout
State Liquor Administrator
By A. A. Whitaker s.a.

A. A. Whitaker

AAW:sa
cc-H. Morrill,
Santa Rosa.

The Board of Supervisors
of Marin County
San Rafael, California

WILLIAM BARR - - - - - - - - 1st District
San Rafael
E. J. McCARTHY - - - - - - - 2nd District
San Anselmo
THOMAS F. BAGSHAW - - - - 3rd District
Mill Valley
J. V. KEHOE - - - - - - - - 4th District
Inverness
R. A. THOMPSON - - - - - - 5th District
Novato

Office of
Marin County Co-ordinator
~~COL. W. W. THURSTON~~
J. C. Bordanaro
Room 14, Cheda Building

THOMAS F. BAGSHAW - - - - - Chairman
GEO. S. JONES - - - - - - - - - - Clerk

Regular Meetings
Second and Fourth Mondays
of Each Month

August 13, 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary,
Progressive Club,
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:-

This communication is designed to inform you, and through you the members of your organization, of the plans and aims of the MARIN CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL.

With the aid of personnel to be provided through a registration of all citizens of Marin County between the ages of 16 and 60, to be held on "R" DAY, Monday, September 15, we propose to set up departments to take care of the needs of the citizens of Marin County in times of distress, disaster, invasion or bombardment. These departments consist of Law and Order; Fire Protection; Utilities; Civil Defense Intelligence; Transportation; Communication; Personnel; Medical; Rescue; Evacuation; Shelter and the Necessities of Life.

Many functions of the last few named departments will be handled through the American Red Cross, but in any event the personnel provided to care for these various necessities in normal times would be wholly inadequate in times of emergency. Therefore, through these departments as provided by the Personnel Group, it is proposed that those who register will receive training based on their abilities and personal desires, that will enable them to augment these various and vitally needed public services.

That you and the members of your organization may have a wider knowledge of the working of this plan, our Speakers Bureau will be able to furnish speakers who will explain the many benefits to the community and its citizens through their participation in this plan. These speakers are prepared to present a comprehensive picture in talks ranging from 15 minutes to half an hour.

It is our sincere hope that during one of your coming meetings prior to "R" DAY on September 15, you will find time for one of these speakers. If you are not able to program a speaker, we will be glad to give you detailed information for the benefit and enlightenment of your members, on application to the office of the County Co-Ordinator of the Marin Civil Defense Plan, Room 14, Cheda Building. (Phone San Rafael 235).

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Bordanaro

J. C. BORDANARO,
Co-Ordinator Marin Civil Defense Council

Discussed at meeting
Sept 3, 1941

August 21, 1941

State Board of Equalization
Liquor Control Division
San Rafael, California

Attention Mr. Elliott:

Dear Mr. Elliott,

At a special meeting of the Progressive Club of Stinson Beach, last evening, a motion was passed re-affirming the original stand taken by the Club, relative to the granting of liquor licenses in Stinson Beach.

This stand was clearly set forth in a letter from the Club under date of July 3, 1941, to the State Board of Equalization.

Sincerely,

M. E. Goodfellow
Acting Secretary

Mr. Walter Marble,
Stinson Beach,
California.

Dear Mr. Marble,

At a special meeting of the Progressive Club, last evening, it was voted to furnish a trophy as usual, for the Dipsea Race which is to be held on September 14.

They hoped you would be able to secure this for them as you have in the past, leaving the selection to you, with the only stipulation that there be a runner on the cup.

They would like a cup similar to the one given last year, realizing there may be some advance in prices.

Very sincerely,

M. E. Goodfellow
Acting Secretary

NOVATO COMMUNITY HOUSE

NOVATO, CALIFORNIA

September 10, 1941

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach
Sea Beach Hotel
Stinson Beach, California

Gentlemen:

Situated in close proximity to both San Rafael and Petaluma, at Novato, Marin County, is the Novato Community House.

The building is completely equipped for luncheons, dinners, dances, stage shows, card parties, and meetings.

Give the Novato Community House careful consideration in planning your next function. The rentals are reasonable and we invite your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

NOVATO COMMUNITY HOUSE COUNCIL

John P. Thompson

Treasurer

September 10, 1941

Mr. Walter B. Sellmer
Marin County Sheriff
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sellmer,

An abandoned automobile has been left in Stinson Beach just off the highway, on private property, on the opposite corner from Airey's Store.

Several weeks have passed without the owner returning to claim it. At a recent meeting of the Progressive Club it was decided that the matter should be brought to your attention, and we are hereby requesting that you take what steps are necessary for the re-claiming and removal of this car.

The following information is taken from the Registration Card:

Registered Owner: Willis B. Oldenburn
Rt.1, Box 40, Fresno, Calif.

Registration no: 30F 792
1934 Graham 6 Coupe

Legal Owner: Harold F. Klinger
1236 Post St., San Francisco

Trusting this matter will have your immediate attention,

Sincerely,

M. E. Goodfellow, Acting Sec'y.

Marin Conservation League

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

"TO PRESERVE AND DEVELOP THE NATURAL ASSETS OF MARIN COUNTY"

OFFICERS

MRS. ALBERT JOHN EVERS, ROSS
PRESIDENT

MR. DUDLEY MILLER, KENTFIELD
VICE-PRESIDENT

MRS. NORMAN B. LIVERMORE, ROSS
VICE-PRESIDENT

MR. E. T. COMAN, SAN RAFAEL
VICE-PRESIDENT

MRS. L. T. LAMB, CORTE MADERA
SECRETARY

MR. M. A. GRAHAM, SAN RAFAEL
TREASURER

DIRECTORS

MRS. S. A. CRANDELL, NOVATO
MR. LOUIS MORETTI, MILL VALLEY
MRS. T. S. BROOKE, SAN ANSELMO
MR. W. B. MARBLE, STINSON BEACH
MR. LINCOLN HAWLEY, SAN ANSELMO
MR. WALLACE MYERS, SAN ANSELMO
MR. JOHN B. EHLEN, SAUSALITO
DR. PAUL WILSON, KENTFIELD
MR. GEORGE W. BROOKS, ROSS

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

NATURAL RESOURCES—
DR. PAUL WILSON

RECREATION—
MRS. NORMAN LIVERMORE

YOUTH HOSTELS—
MRS. B. K. DUNSHEE

JUNIOR AUXILIARIES—
MRS. L. W. HOLLINGSWORTH

MEMBERSHIP—
MR. WALLACE MYERS

ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION—
MRS. WILLIAM STOUT

PUBLICITY—
MRS. ALBERT MARALL

CONSERVATION WEEK—
MR. M. B. BOISSEVAIN

ADVISORY COUNCIL—
MRS. W. G. WEAVER

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY—
MRS. HELEN VAN PELT
76 MADRONE AVE.
SAN ANSELMO, CALIF.

September 23, 1941

Dear Member:

We are delighted to tell you that the bill appropriating $25,000 for the purchase of the Rodgers property (Camp Taylor) from the State Park Acquisition Fund, was signed by the Governor. The county and state authorities are now conferring as to the best way to proceed in the acquisition. Thanks are due to our legislators for the energy with which they prosecuted this matter.

Our Home Playground Contest has just closed. Much interest was aroused; there were about sixty entries this year, and plans are afoot to repeat it next year. Watch the newspapers for the awards.

We are working with a large committee representing other groups also, to see if plans can be worked out to acquire the Marin Golf & Country Club, (which has been taken over by the bank) as a great County Play Center, probably not for golf, but for many other games, for swimming, for an outdoor amphitheatre for music, etc. We envision it as a place where all members of a family could take part in congenial activities. Telephone our office if you have any suggestions, or would like to help.

You will be glad to know that stringent regulations are being enforced to prevent the further erection of bill-boards along our highways.

We hope that many of you will attend the second State Conservation Conference at Sonoma Mission Inn, October 9-11, 1941. A committee from our group has been working actively in planning this, and we can promise you a very entertaining as well as instructive session. The fact that it is so nearby means we should have a very large representation. If you wish more details, please call our office, S.R. 4219.

Please remember that the prompt payment of your current dues (May 1, 1941-May 1, 1942) will be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Caroline S. Livermore
President M.C.L.

Helen Van Pelt
Executive Director M.C.L.

Made in U.S.A.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
NEW YORK CITY

Your kind expression
of sympathy is gratefully
acknowledged and
deeply appreciated.

The Billeter Family

Oct. 2nd 1941

Mr. Thos. Fred Bagshaw
Marin County Supervisor
317 Hillside Avenue
Mill Valley, California

Dear Mr. Bagshaw:

At a regular meeting of this club, held last night I was instructed to write you, calling attention to the following:

(1) We would much appreciate having as many as three receptacles for picnic debris, to place on the the County Beach and at the foot the the County Road leading to the beach. Does the County have old cast-off oil drums or something of the sort that could be used ?

(2) Quite a few residents of this community, especially those who commute to one point or another, are beginning to feel concern about the road situation for the coming winter. Although work continues on the No.1 State Highway at the 'Steep Ravine' point, the nature of operations so far leaves us suspicious of slides next winter and a closed road. For this reason we of the commuting group especially earnestly desire to feel confident of a way out without having to resort to the Tocoloma or Ridgecrest routes. In other words we want to feel we can depend on the Stinson Beach-Mill Valley, or 'Panoramic Road'. Those who use this road the most are of the opinion it needs attention, claiming the center line (white) has been obliterated for considerable stretches, in numerous places the road is very rough and finally,- at the points of last years important slides, the restoration work is not complete.

Very sincerely yours,

A. M. Gilbert, Secy

October 2, 1941

Mr. F. C. Ankers
Bank of America
Mill Valley, California

RE: Neon Light Fund

Dear Mr. Ankers:

We have for a good many months past, had on our books, an item of $19.00 belonging to the " Neon Light Fund ". This is of course in connection with the Mill Valley - Bolinas - Stinson Beach directional sign near the Buckeye Tavern.

Can you advise us as to the disposition we should make of this sum. Do you carry a 'Neon Light Fund' to which this can be added ?

Very truly yours
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert, Secy

October 2, 1941

California State Highway Commission
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

RE: State Highway #1 near Steep Ravine

At the regular monthly meeting of this club last night, I was instructed as secretary to write you as follows:

That many members of this community, especially the commuting group are beginning to feel concerned about the No. 1 State Highway, south from Stinson Beach, remaining open this coming winter.

The point of concern continues to be the site of the present operations within a few hundred feet of Steep Ravine (about 1 mile south of Stinson Beach). Equipment is now engaged in terracing the high inner slope. If it isnt terracing we are at a loss to know what is going on, however the highway is again closed and we fear this deep cut spells more 'road-closing' slides this winter.

A word from you as to what is planned for the stabilization of this road and whether the alternative location through to the 'White Gate Ranch', taking off before crossing Steep Ravine, has been abandoned, will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert, Secy

The Board of Supervisors
of Marin County
San Rafael, California

WILLIAM BARR - - - - 1st District
San Rafael
GAIL APPERSON - - - - - 2nd District
Ross
THOMAS F. BAGSHAW - - - 3rd District
Mill Valley
A. MARTINELLI - - - - - - 4th District
Inverness
R. A. THOMPSON - - - - - 5th District
Novato

GAIL APPERSON - - - - - - Chairman
GEO. S. JONES - - - - - - - - - Clerk

Regular Meeting
Second Monday of Each Month

October 4, 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Stinson Beach
California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I have your letter of October 2nd and note the two matters which your club requests action on.

The first item is one which can be easily arranged. I will see to it that several receptacles are placed at convenient locations in the Park.

With reference to the second item, I can assure you that we are well aware of the great importance of keeping our road open this winter as we did last winter, particularly in view of the condition of No. 1 State Highway.

We are going to do some maintenance work on this road before long, but I would like to point out to you that two years ago we spent some $10,000 on this road. Since then, it has been necessary to give attention to other districts. However, we are not going to let this road deteriorate. It will have attention soon.

With reference to the white center line, it has been impossible for us to get striping paint, but we have put away enough for about two miles of striping which we intend to do on the most hazardous part of this road.

I am glad to have your suggestions, and you may be assured that they will receive all the attention it is possible for me to give them.

Very truly yours,

T. F. Bagshaw

CABLE ADDRESS—BAMERICAL

13044

Bank of America
NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

Mill Valley, California

October 3, 1941

Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

The item of $19.00 you have on your books for Neon Light Fund in connection with the Neon Sign that was to be placed at the intersection of Highway 101 and 1, might as well be disbursed for other purposes.

Sometime ago, I was appointed to a committee to collect funds and obtain a sign with that collection. We had all necessary money pledged and had a permit from the Planning Commission to place the sign off the highway below the intersection. Our next step was to go to the City Council of Mill Valley to endeavor to have them take care of the operating of the sign. Previous to our going to the Council, we had the assurance of two of the Councilmen that we would have their support in obtaining the help of the City of Mill Valley. When we took the matter up with the Council as a whole, it was referred to the Lighting Committee. The Chairman of that committee took it upon himself to call on Col. Skaggs of the Highway Commission in reference to the sign and he immediately objected to any sign of this kind being placed alongside of the highway. He did, however, say that he would have one of his engineers make a survey of the situation to see what could be done. Our committee did not go any further than that because of the action of the Lighting Committee and the City Council.

After waiting considerable time, we refunded all the money we had collected and included in this money was about $155.00 belonging to the Panoramic Highway Association that had been deposited in the bank for years. This money was originally to be used for publicity for the highway project.

The committee would welcome any suggestions your club might care to make regarding the disbursement of these funds.

Yours very truly,

F. C. Ankers

F. C. Ankers
Manager

FCA:SN

C. H. PURCELL, STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER
CHIEF OF DIVISION

CULBERT L. OLSON
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

FRANK W. CLARK
DIRECTOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Public Works
SACRAMENTO

DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

October 6, 1941.

PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO.

Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Secretary,
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach,
Stinson Beach, Marin County,
California.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 2nd, requesting information as to whether it is planned to keep State Sign Route 1, from Stinson Beach south, open throughout the coming winter.

Your communication is being referred to District Engineer J. H. Skeggs, at San Francisco, with the request that he advise you direct as to the progress being made on the work now underway.

Yours very truly,

C. H. PURCELL
State Highway Engineer

By G T McCoy

G. T. McCOY
Asst. State Highway Engineer

1461 6-41 10M EST. 8943

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
DISTRICT IV
2001 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 15th, 1941

PLEASE REFER
TO FILE NO.

IV-Mrn-56-A

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Secretary
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 2nd to the California State Highway Commission, Sacramento, has been referred to this office for further handling.

State Highway No. 1 south of Stinson Beach was constructed by Marin County around what is locally known as Overhanging Rock. Last winter this Rock and the roadway around the Rock began settling and is now approximately 75 feet elevation below its original position. It then became necessary to construct a road back of Overhanging Rock, which construction incurred a high cut bank. Permission was secured from Federal authorities to encroach upon government property in flattening cut slope in order to lessen insofar as possible the slide hazard. While no one can state that a slide will not occur at this point, every effort is being made to secure as flat a cut slope as possible to reduce the hazard. Work now going on which is blocking the highway should be completed in about two weeks.

No plans have been made for any alternate location by-passing the Overhanging Rock area. The so-called White Gate Ranch Road route is hardly feasible as its use would incur something over a thousand feet of 15 per cent grade which is considered excessive and not suitable for highway traffic.

Very truly yours

Jno. H. Skeggs
District Engineer

By P. O. Harding
Assistant District Engineer

OFFICE OF
ASSESSOR OF MARIN COUNTY
COURT HOUSE
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

F. W. RANEY
CHIEF DEPUTY
H. M. LICHTENSTEIN
OFFICE DEPUTY
WM. F. NAVE
SUPERVISING FIELD DEPUTY

GEO. W. HALL
COUNTY ASSESSOR

Nov. 12, 1941

Progressive Club of Stinson Beach
Stinson Beach, Calif.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 6th, requesting the tax bills covering the property of the Presbytery of the Redwoods, being Lots 17-19, Block 4 of Charles Robinson Tract, be forwarded to your Club in the future.

I am glad to effect a correction of our records so that your request will be complied with.

With kindest personal regards to the officers and members of your Club, I am

Sincerely yours,

Geo. W. Hall

GEO. W. HALL
County Assessor

GWH
L

At Your Door
Always a space for outdoor living, and never a feeling of being crowded—when you live in
Marvelous MARIN
Send for Illustrated Map Folde
Marvelous Marin, Inc.,
Court House,
San Rafael, Calif.

STINSON BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STINSON BEACH MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

To The Residents and Property Owners of Stinson Beach:

This year, above all others, fire hazards must be eliminated. The Fire Department requests that all homes and property be cleared of fire hazard at the earliest possible time.

The County Fire Ordinance, #242, Section 10, will be strictly enforced. This section reads, in part:

" It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, keep or allow or maintain on any property (owned or controlled by any person), any rubbish, paper, dry grass brush or other combustible material constituting a fire hazard...."

Brush, cuttings and dry grass may be burned for a short time longer. It is hoped that the cleanup will be completed by June 1st.

A special depository has been provided for old magazines, newspapers and clothing. The above items should be neatly bundled and may be left in the 3-car garage next to the Bungalow Grocery.

STINSON BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

November 9, 1941

Mr. Jno. H. Skeggs
District Engineer
Division of Highways
2001 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, Calif

RE: file No. IV-Mrn-56-A

Dear Mr. Skeggs:

I thank you for your letter of Oct. 15th telling of the situation as regards work being done on realignment of Highway No. 1 at location indicated by your file number.

Your estimate of two weeks for the completion of this job was no doubt somewhat 'mussed up' by the rains occuring towards the end of October.

Recent maintenance work on the Stinson Beach-Mill Valley county road took place just previous to these rainy days, with the result that much mud was left on the pavement and sections of heavy gradient were dnagerously slippery. For this reason anxiety about the opening of your No. 1 Highway, south from Stinson Beach continues and I have been instructed to write you again requesting the work be speeded up, however a personal visit to the 'Overhanging Rock' area convinces me the road will be open by November 15th, good weather prevailing.

Another item about which I have been requested to make inquiry, pertains to traffic checking. It is reported here that about the middle of October, a traffic check was made by the State Highway Dept. over the section of the county road (so-called 'Panoramic Highway'), between Stinson Beach and its southerly junction with State Highway No. 1, at the Diaz Ranch. We assume that such traffic checking is for the purpose of determining the appropriate allocation of road improvement funds. If this assumption is correct, why such a checking in October ? Is a factor applied to an October checking, based on statistics covering long periods and many area so that weight is given to an October checking to determine the approximate maximum traffic in the summer season ?

Very truly yours
PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF STINSON BEACH

A.M.Gilbert Secy

1461 6-41 10M EST. 8943

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
DISTRICT IV
2001 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

November 13th, 1941

PLEASE REFER
TO FILE NO.

IV-Mrn-56-A

Mr. A. M. Gilbert
Secretary
Progressive Club of Stinson Beach
Stinson Beach, California

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made to your letter of November 9th regarding certain conditions pertaining to the highway at Overhanging Rock south of Stinson Beach, on State Highway IV-Mrn-56-A.

Unless something unforeseen occurs it is expected that traffic will be able to use the highway over the coming weekend. The line change now under construction will not be surfaced at that time but it is expected that traffic will be able to use the rough grade and surfacing will be done during the coming week.

The traffic count which you refer to is probably that taken by the Highway Planning Survey, who, at various times makes traffic studies of the highways throughout the State System. A traffic count was taken during the month of July so you may rest assured that the various traffic peaks, depending upon the season of the year, are taken into consideration in the highway improvement studies. We wish to again point out that these studies are made throughout the entire Highway System and that the reported count does not necessarily mean that any immediate improvement of the highway is contemplated.

Very truly yours

Jno. H. Skeggs
District Engineer